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MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Department of Food)

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 24th June 1957

No. 158(1)/57-PY.I.—The Government of India have been pleased to appoint a Committee to enquire into certain aspects of the present food situation. The Committee will consist of the following members:—

Chairman

1. Shri Asoka Mehta.

Members

2. Shri Thirumala Rao, M.P.

3. Shri S. F. B. Tyabji, M.P.

4. Raja Surendra Singh of Nalagarh, M.L.A., Punjab.

5. Shri Venkatesh Narayan Tivary, Uttar Pradesh.

6. Shri B. K. Madan, Economic Adviser to the Reserve Bank of India.

Member-Secretary

7. Dr. S. R. Sen, Economics and Statistical Adviser, Ministry of Food & Agriculture.

The terms of reference of the Committee will be as follows:—

- (1) to review the present food situation and to examine the causes of the rising trend of food prices since about the middle of 1955;
- (2) to assess the likely trends in demand and availability of foodgrains over the next few years, taking into account—
 - (a) the steps taken and those proposed to be taken under the Second Five Year Plan by the Central and the State Governments to increase food production,
 - (b) the impact of growing development expenditure, increase in population and urbanisation, on the demand for marketable surpluses,
 - (c) availability of foodgrains from abroad in relation to requirements and in the light of the foreign exchange position,
and
- (3) to make recommendations to ensure a level of prices which would provide the necessary incentive to the producer with due regard to the interest of the consumer and the maintenance of a reasonable cost structure in the economy.

2. The Committee is requested to submit its report within three months.

ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to all the State Governments, all Ministries of the Government of India, Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Secretariat, the Private Secretary to the President, Planning Commission, the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, the Accountant General, Central Revenues, and the Chief Audit Officer, Food, Rehabilitation & Supply, New Delhi.

ORDERED also that this Resolution be published in the Gazette of India, for general information.

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